

## **Fisheries Regulatory Update**

**Dates Covered: 4/21/15 to 7/7/15**

### **Public Notices Issued**

View Public Notices at <http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/notices/notices.asp>

- Spiny Dogfish — Commercial Catch Limit  
Effective 5/1/15, an individual with a valid Maryland spiny dogfish landing permit may catch up to 4,000 lbs/day/vessel.
- Public Information Session on Proposed Shellfish Aquaculture Lease  
The open-house style information session regarding the proposed shellfish aquaculture lease of MD Water Holdings, LLC application #191 in the Chesapeake Bay, St. Mary's County will be held on 6/15/15 from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, 13820 Point Lookout Road, Ridge, Maryland 20680.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Philip J. Harrington, III  
Application for three shellfish aquaculture submerged land leases; Nanticoke River, Wicomico County. Locations online.
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Season Modification  
Common pool hook and line fishery open 6/2/15 through 6/3/15; 300 lbs/permittee/week and 600 lbs/vessel/day.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Philip J. Harrington, III  
Application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease; Nanticoke River oyster sanctuary, Wicomico County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Robert T. Brown, Sr.  
Application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease; St. Mary's oyster sanctuary, St. Mary's County.
- 2015 Commercial Horseshoe Crab Fishery  
Establishes the quota, season, and catch limits for the commercial horseshoe crab fishery.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Mary-Julia Dubois and Stuart E. Dawson  
Application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease; Miles River oyster sanctuary, Talbot County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Deborah R. Fialka and Jon Farrington  
Application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease; St. Leonard's Creek, Calvert County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Eric Wisner  
Application for two shellfish aquaculture submerged land leases; Nanticoke River oyster sanctuary, Dorchester County.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Carlton G. Nabb  
Application for two shellfish aquaculture submerged land leases; Fishing Bay, Dorchester County.
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Season Modification  
Common pool hook and line fishery open 6/16/15 through 6/17/15; 300 lbs/permittee/week and 600 lbs/vessel/day.
- Chesapeake Bay Commercial Mature Female Hard Crab Catch Limit and Crew Requirements — Revision of the commercial mature female hard crab bushel limits and closure periods for 2015 for the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries.
- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Philip J. Harrington, III

Application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease; Nanticoke River oyster sanctuary, Wicomico County.

- Shellfish Aquaculture Lease — Philip J. Harrington, III  
Application for two shellfish aquaculture submerged land leases; 1) Nanticoke River oyster sanctuary, Dorchester County; 2) Honga River in the Hooper Strait oyster sanctuary, Dorchester County.
- Chesapeake Bay Commercial Mature Female Hard Crab Catch Limit and Crew Requirements — Revision of the commercial mature female hard crab bushel limits and closure periods for 2015 for the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries. (corrected the previous notice – the limits for July 1 TFL/CB3 were incorrect)
- Striped Bass — Commercial Common Pool Season Modification  
Common pool hook and line fishery open 7/7/15 through 7/8/15; 300 lbs/permittee/week and 600 lbs/vessel/day.

### **Regulations that became Effective**

- Shellfish Aquaculture — 08.02.05.02 and 08.02.23.03, .04 and .07—Effective 4/27/15  
Penalties and demonstration lease program.
- TFAC and SFAC — 08.01.01.06 and .07 — Effective 6/22/15 — Updates unit name
- Spiny Dogfish — 08.02.05.24 — Effective 6/22/15 — Prohibits the removal of fins at sea

### **Regulations that have been Proposed and are Following the APA Process**

View Maryland Register at <http://www.dsd.state.md.us/MDRegister/mdregister.aspx>

View Proposed Regulations at

<http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/regulations/proposedregulations.asp>

- Striped Bass — Emergency and Proposed — 08.02.15.08, .09 and .10  
Proposed — Maryland Register 5/1/15, Comment Period Ends 6/1/15, Scheduled Effective 7/6/15  
Emergency — Effective 4/14/15 through 10/11/15  
These changes are currently effective by emergency regulation. The Department is following up with a regulatory proposal for enforcement purposes (prepayable fine rather than must appear in court). Includes measures to reduce the recreational harvest of striped bass during the Chesapeake Bay spring trophy and early/summer/fall seasons.
- Striped Bass — Proposed — 08.02.15.04  
Maryland Register 5/29/15, Comment Period Ends 6/29/15, Scheduled Effective 8/3/15  
Changes to the registration and transfer rules for the commercial striped bass fishery.
- Striped Bass — Proposed — 08.02.15.07  
Maryland Register 6/26/15, Comment Period Ends 7/27/15, Scheduled Effective 8/31/15  
Changes to the Atlantic commercial tolerance and season.
- Blue Crab — Proposed — 08.02.03.09 and .10  
Maryland Register 7/24/15, Comment Period Ends 8/24/15, Scheduled Effective 9/28/15  
Public Hearing: 8/11/15, 6 p.m., C-1 Conference Room, Tawes State Office Building  
Recreational changes (365 day license, clarify gear use in license free areas, exemptions for children)
- Oyster — Proposed — 08.02.04.07 and .12  
Maryland Register 8/7/15, Comment Period Ends 9/8/15, Scheduled Effective 10/12/15  
County committee election changes; correction of a power dredge study area coordinate.
- Oyster — Proposed — 08.02.04.13  
Maryland Register 8/7/15, Comment Period Ends 9/8/15, Scheduled Effective 10/12/15  
Removal of some harvest reserve areas.

**Emergency Regulations in Effect**

- Striped Bass — 08.02.15.08, .09, .10 — Effective 4/14/15 through 10/11/15  
Implement ASMFC recreational harvest reduction.